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The United States and the German Democratic Republic (DDR) have agreed to the following principles. They believe that these principles will provide a basis for the development of a peaceful and stable relationship between the two countries. The principles are as follows:

1. Principles

(a) General Principles: They believe that the German people should be free to determine their own future, and that the DDR should be recognized as a sovereign state, and that it should be treated as such.

(b) Future Negotiations: They agree to begin negotiations for improving the situation in the DDR, and to discuss the principles and the vital interests involved in the reunification of Germany.

(c) Interim Steps: In the meantime, they declare that they will establish a good working relationship in effect.

2. Germany

(a) General Principles: They believe that the German people have the right to determine their own future and to reestablish the unity of Germany, if they so desire, and they wish to facilitate the exercise of this right in a way that will enhance the security of all European peoples.

(b) Future Negotiations: They agree that the authorities in West and East Germany should be invited to establish mixed technical commissions, consisting of officials designated by these authorities, to increase cultural and technical contacts, promote mutually beneficial economic exchanges, and consider a draft electoral law and other steps toward German reunification.

(c) Interim Steps: In the meantime, they declare that they will ensure that any arrangements into which any of them may enter with any part of Germany will be consistent with the declarations recorded in this announcement, and that any peace treaty which they may conclude with a united Germany will be consistent with the declarations noted under 3 and 4, below.

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(a) General Principles: They believe that transfer or extinction of nuclear weapons into the control of national governments not now owning them would take care of the problem of maintaining lasting peace.

(i) Future Negotiations: They agree to seek, in the above-mentioned committee (or other appropriate forum) to develop policies regarding non-diffusion of nuclear weapons to which all states owning nuclear weapons will agree and to which states not now owning nuclear weapons might also subscribe.

(c) Interim Steps: In the meantime, they declare that they will not themselves relinquish control over any nuclear weapons to any individual state not now owning such weapons and will refrain from assisting any such state in manufacturing them.

4. Non-Aggression:

(a) General Principles: They believe that force should not be used to change existing frontiers and demarcation lines in Europe or for any other aggressive purpose.

(i) Future Negotiations: They agree to seek in the above-mentioned committee (or a sub-committee thereof) (i) to develop a suitable declaration regarding non-aggression between the NATO and Warsaw Pact Powers; and (ii) to consider measures which might be taken to enable the governments represented on that Commission to communicate and establish their non-aggressive intent in the event of grave crises and otherwise to reduce the risk of war by accident or miscalculation.

(c) Interim Steps: In the meantime, they declare that they will not themselves use or support use of force to change the external borders of Germany or the demarcation line inside Germany, and they note with approval past declarations of the Federal Republic that it will not use force to achieve the reunification of Germany or to settle international disputes.

5. Procedures

Once the proposed Committee of Foreign Ministers' deputies has been established, the Foreign Ministers of countries represented on it should meet periodically, as seems useful, to review its work.

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